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**BY ECF**

Honorable J. Paul Oetken  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: United States v. Michael Valdez,  
19 Cr. 883 (JPO)**

Dear Judge Oetken:

Mr. Valdez requests that undersigned counsel be relieved and that substitute counsel be appointed to represent him. Mr. Valdez and I agree that our attorney-client relationship has broken down irreparably and that I cannot continue to provide him effective representation in this matter. The appointment of substitute counsel is necessary to protect his Sixth Amendment right to the effective assistance of counsel as he faces important decisions about how to proceed in this case.

Granted. Substitute counsel shall be appointed from the CJA panel.

So ordered. 8/10/2021

/s/

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J. PAUL OETKEN  
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